

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended and in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-10, and 12-18 are pending in the application, with Claims 4 and 13 amended by the present amendment.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 4-5, 7, 9, 13-14, 16 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chestnut (U.S. Patent No. 6,041,114) in view of Alcendor et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,546,082); and Claims 1, 3, 6, 8, 10, 12, 15 and 17 were indicated as allowed.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication of the allowable subject matter.

Applicants traverse the rejection of Claims 4 and 13. However, to expedite progress toward allowance, Claims 4 and 13 are amended to depend from allowed Claim 1. No new matter is added. Accordingly, in view of the present amendment and in light of the previous discussion, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request an early and favorable action to that effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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